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The Sea Ranch has 6 public access trails with excellent parking, toilets and trails. These access points were required by Sonoma County so the public could access and recreate on the beaches. These trails have not had excessive use and could certainly handle more exposure. Isn't that why they were required and built? Why discourage it.

The Sea Ranch has 1750 homes (2200 at build out). Of these homes, approximately 30% are lived in permanently, which leaves approximately 1230 homes that are homes used by owners, renters and the public for vacation enjoyment and recreation. Recreation at Sea Ranch includes a myriad of activities, such as pool use, tennis, hiking, bird, whale, and seal watching and tide pool exploration; and ocean activities such as scuba diving, fishing, abalone diving, underwater photography in some of the world's most beautiful underwater landscape. The ocean activities at Sea Ranch are very popular, especially during the abalone season. Owners, renters and the public enjoy these benefits in a very environmentally conscientious and friendly manner. They recreate with kayaks, kickboards, and inner tubes. There are no launching facilities available for large motorboats. I do not think we are going to deplete our ocean's resources from kayaks, kickboards or inner tubes. Why would the MLPA and the Fish and Game want to discourage this low-impact recreation? I would think they would encourage it.

The owners and the public that use these areas are big contributors to the local economy. They hire service personnel, rent their homes, buy groceries and gas, shop at sporting goods stores and gift shops, and dine in the restaurants at Gualala and surrounds.

I understand that the decision to close certain areas to fishing and diving is a reality, however, to close the Sea Ranch will impact the rentals at Sea Ranch, the public, and the fragile local economy that Sea Ranch supports. I believe there are other alternatives that will accomplish the goals of the MLPA.

Respectfully,  
Charles Zinser